Sutiyapat Reservoir Project

†3319. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 2965 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd August 2005 and state:

(a) the date of approval granted to Sutiyapat Reservoir Project and the date on which it was submitted to the State Finance Department for its latest costing;

(b) whether Government are making any special efforts to ensure that the project is not delayed further and commenced at the earliest;

(c) the special efforts made by Government to ensure quick approval to Kela Project and Rajiv Promotion Scheme Phase-II; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Sutiyapat Reservoir Project (Medium) was accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources for an estimated cost of Rs. 46.95 crore in its 80th meeting held on 7.2.2003 subject to concurrence of the State Finance Department. Irrigation is a State subject and the planning, execution, funding, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments based on their priorities. Investment clearance to the project is accorded by the Planning Commission after the State Government intimates the concurrence from the State Finance Department.

(c) and (d) The major irrigation project proposals of Kela Project and the Rajiv Augmentation Scheme (Phase-II) received from the Government of Chhattisgarh in July, 2003 and November, 2004 respectively are at different stages of appraisal. Comments on various aspects of project proposals have been sent to the State Government for compliance. The clearance of irrigation project depends upon the promptness with which the State Government arrange satisfactory compliance to observations of Central appraising agencies.

Setting up of irrigation projects in tribal areas

3320. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up more irrigation projects in tribal areas;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.